



OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING Upper Lake, CA 95485

February 28, 2014

STAFF REPORT: Visitors Services Section
STAFF: Brian E. Robertson Superintendent III
SUBJECT: Deployments

Summary

During this past year's Thanksgiving Holiday weekend the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division's Law Enforcement (LE) Team and Outreach Team traveled and deployed to Jawbone Station Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Ridgecrest, California. The OHMVR Division's deployment was successful and well regarded by the recreating public and partnering agencies. Kern County Sheriff's Office also provided public safety officers during this holiday weekend.

February 1 through 8, 2014, the OHMVR Division's LE Team and Outreach Team again deployed to BLM's Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area during the King of the Hammers (KOH) Special Event and Race.

Discussion

The OHMVR Division's goals and objectives for the Jawbone Station deployment were: provide local partnering agencies with additional public safety support during a high visitation holiday weekend, hand out educational materials pertaining to safe off-highway vehicle use, and provide examples of proper safety gear and equipment for the entire recreating family. The Outreach Team also provided a strong interpretive program stressing the importance of being good stewards of the land during OHV recreating activities.

The OHMVR Division's deployment staffing team consisted of three OHMVR Division based LE officers, two LE officers from Red Rock State Park, one LE officer from Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA), three OHMVR Division-based Outreach Team members, and one Outreach Team member from Hungry Valley SVRA. Hungry Valley SVRA also provided the deployment command post trailer.

The 2014 King of the Hammers annual race event provided an opportunity for the off-highway community, industry vendors, and land managers to engage in safety seminars at a highly broadcasted professional motorized event. The OHMVR Division deployed

LE Rangers and Outreach staff that provided over 3,000 public contacts for law enforcement, OHV outreach, and grant information. On Thursday February 6, State Parks Director General Jackson visited the site with OHMVR Deputy Director Chris Conlin. General Jackson highlighted the tremendous partnerships that it takes to make an event that has over 30,000 visitors a day. As a result of working with the BLM, CHP, San Bernardino County Sheriff, the Marine Corps, and local fire officials, the King of the Hammers has grown to be the largest off-road race in United States.

The seven day King of the Hammers deployment resulted in:

Commission Action

For information only

Attachments

None